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May 29, 2009

To: NPAC Status Report Update Subcommittee

From: Lyle Bicknell, Neighborhood Planning Manager

Subject: Neighborhood Planning Status Reports

Thank you for your thoughtful advice letter of May 19, 2009. The substantive comments and recommendations are very helpful as we develop the neighborhood status reports.

In particular, we will work to identify the key audience for the reports and ensure that the graphics are cogent and comprehensive. We will clarify the distinction between the general neighborhoods and the specific urban villages. One point of clarification: It is the neighborhood plan updates not the status report that will be used to inform the 2011 Comprehensive Plan update.

We will make certain that the reports are consistent in structure and length to better facilitate comparison and analysis—and will attempt to describe where conditions have changed e.g., conflicting or more current urban design elements.

Finally, based on your input, we are working to incorporate a glossary of planning terms.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Neighborhood Planning Status Report Subcommittee as these reports evolve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyle Bicknell".

Lyle Bicknell

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cc: Raymond Gastil, Planning Director.

